



# News Release

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## **Sexual misconduct charges lead to immediate suspension for nursing assistant** *Snohomish County nursing assistant ordered to stop practicing*

**OLYMPIA** — The license of Snohomish County nursing assistant Thomas Perez Orate (NC10022538) has been immediately suspended by the Department of Health on charges of sexual misconduct.

Charging papers say Orate was the co-owner, with his wife, of an adult family home. A female resident who lived in the adult family home alleged Orate touched her inappropriately. Charges say Orate fondled the resident's breast, inserted his finger into her vagina, tried to force her to perform oral sex on him, and suggested they go downstairs where there was a bed.

Orate has 20 days to respond and request a hearing. He cannot practice or work as a nursing assistant in Washington until the charges are resolved. Orate's alleged conduct poses an unacceptable risk to the public's health, safety, and welfare.

Legal documents are available by clicking the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the [agency home page](#) ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)) or by calling 360-236-4700.

The Department of Health protects public health and safety in Washington. It licenses and disciplines nursing assistants using standards of practice.

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